

Minutes to the Regular City Council Meeting
held on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor John Wabel opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. Answering roll call were Aldermen: Jason; Hattan; Modro; Zellmer; Schoof and Strawn. City Clerk Anderle and Treasurer Terri Davis were also present.

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Schoof moved to approve the minutes for the August 14, 2019 Regular City Council meeting with the following correction: Alderman Hattan's report on the 2nd page, changed water tower controls to waste treatment controls. Alderman Jason seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Pay Monthly Bills

Alderman Jason moved to authorize payment of bills as presented. Alderman Zellmer seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

New Business

Alderman Schoof made a motion to approve closure of half a block of 100 N. Washington and 300 Block of Sixth Street for Small Town Boutique Makers Market on Saturday, October 19, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Alderman Zellmer seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Alderman Jason made a motion to approve outside Live Music Permit for Whiskerz all weekends through October 12th. Alderman Modro seconded. Roll Call: 6 ayes.

Bill French from SunVest Solar reported to the council information about the 11 acres of Schulte property chosen for a solar farm located off of 14th Street. SunVest Solar will be constructing a 12 foot gravel road on the Schulte property off of 14th street to be used to get to 11 acres to install solar panels. The city will not be responsible for up keep of this road. The road could possibly cross over the city water line. The city has an easement with the Schulte family for this water line that goes north to Oakridge Subdivision. The water department is to locate the water line that runs through the Schulte property, a utility agreement may need to be done with SunVest Solar if the road crosses over the city water line. There was discussion about a route to use for truck traffic during the construction phase of solar site. French reported this work will not start until spring or early summer of 2020 and will take around 10 to 12 weeks to construct.

Alderman Jason made a motion to approve a Town Wide Clean-up on Saturday, September 28, 2019 at curbside, cost will be \$1,500 per truck; we are anticipating 6 trucks per prior clean-up events. This expense will be split with Street & TIF funds. Alderman Hattan seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Alderman Jason made a motion to approve bid letting for 100 block of N. Main Street Storm Sewer Project with an estimated project cost of \$148,660 and engineering cost of \$10,406.20. Bid opening is planned for October 4, 2019. Alderman Zellmer seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Alderman Reports

Alderman Strawn reported he has an appointment with Ameren to discuss LED lighting options. There was discussion about issues with Ray Whited's driveway and the road at 500 block of First Street. Wabel stated there is an estimate from Chamlin Engineering of \$16,000 to repair the issue. Strawn stated as street chairperson he does not want to make this decision; he would leave this up to

the city council. It was decided that all alderman take a look at the issue with the driveway at Ray Whited house and address at the next council meeting.

Alderman Schoof reported the city has been contacted by the Illinois EPA regarding the Brownfield EPA loan agreement for \$390,000 used to clean up the Woolen Mill site. Part of that agreement was the city would pay the EPA 0% to 80% back from TIF income generated from development of the property. Schoof stated to date we are looking at about \$54,000 worth of income from the developed property. We have a conference call with the Illinois EPA for September 25th to discuss terms of agreement.

Alderman Hattan reported we have discovered another contractor error issue with water valves installed from when we did the northern water project. The valve cotter pins in the rods are 4 years old and are rusted and we are unable to turn the valve off; we had to repair parts of the valve. Hattan stated we do not know how many more valves will have this same issue. Hattan reported water lines will be bored in for 2 properties to relocate the shut off valves. We will be making a contact with EPA to establish what college credits can be applied for our sewer operator to work toward his operator license.

Mayor Wabel reported wind tower moves should be completed by September 17th. Wabel would like the council to review Cannabis Zoning laws to be ready to go for a future meeting.

General Fund:

Checking: \$144,353.26
General Fund MMDA \$280,784.24
US Bank (Illinois Funds) \$ closed

Band Fund: \$ 8,002.76

Motor Fuel Tax:

Checking: -0-
MMDA: \$426,789.08
US Bank \$ closed

Water & Sewer Fund:

Checking: \$ 165,761.84
W & S MMDA: \$ 164,657.14

TIF Fund:

TIF I MMDA: \$1,010,055.64
TIF II MMDA: \$ 45,702.00
TIF III MMDA: \$ 111,950.16
TIF IV MMDA: \$ 1,744.24
TIF V MMDA: \$ 15,410.86

Alderman Strawn moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Aldermen Zellmer seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Connie Anderle – City Clerk

John Wabel – Mayor